



**Service of the Lord's Day
Sunday, October 10, 2021**

God's People Gather

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord!" (Psalm 122:1)

*With glad hearts, we welcome you to worship among this community of believers! Masks are required for everyone 3 and older. We invite you to sit anywhere you wish. Some pews with social distance *spacers* have been designated on the lectern side near the front for those who are more comfortable with some distance.*

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity in heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above -- arr. Krug

Treble Handbells

***Call to Worship**

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

P: And the skies proclaim God's handiwork.

L: The way of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the instructions of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

P: More desired are they than gold, sweeter also than honey.

All: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

(from Psalm 19)

***Hymn 610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (verses 1-3)**

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive; the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and turned from our neighbors. Too often, we have refused to bear the troubles of others and have passed by the hungry, the poor, or the oppressed. (silence). O God, in your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

L: And Jesus says, "Follow me, and I will lead you into life."

***Response of Praise (#582)**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

God's Word is Heard

Time With Children

Anthem Take My Life and Walk with Me -- arr. Drennan

Chancel Choir

Sarah Pinard, Flute

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King.

Lord, I give my life to Thee, Thine forever more to be.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.

Take my will, and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.

O Master, let me walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free;

in peace that only Thou canst give, with Thee, O Master, let me love.

Let me live with Thee.

Scripture Readings

Genesis 45:1-8

Matthew 26:36-46

God's People Respond

***Affirmation of Faith**

God created and rules in love. God created all the worlds that are and upholds and rules everything... God still works through the processes that shape and change the earth and the living things upon it. We acknowledge God's care and control in the regularity of the universe as well as in apparently random happenings. There is no event from which God is absent and his ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving. That purpose embraces our choices and will surely be accomplished. The Creator works in all things toward the new creation that is promised in Christ. (from A Declaration of Faith, PCUSA)

Giving Our Gifts

Offertory Thy Word -- arr. Hayes

***Doxology (#39)**

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you;
And also with you.

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Our Abba, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

God's Sends Us Out

***Hymn 175 Seek Ye First (verses 1 and 2)**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response Sevenfold Amen**

***Postlude Trumpet Finale -- Stanley**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

The artwork is "The Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane" by the Studio of El Greco, used by permission of The National Gallery.

The flowers are given by Mike and Ginny Bleyer to the Glory of God and the blessings that He has given to us through all Front-line Doctors, Nurses, Hospital staffs, EMTs, Teachers, Scientists, and clergy during these troubling times of this pandemic. It is through God's grace that we see hope! We would also like to remember our dear cousin, Don Irvin, who died from Covid-19 this past December.

Calendar of Events for this week:

Today	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Seekers Event (6:00-7:30pm)
Monday	9:00 a.m.	HENS (9am-1pm)
	4:30 p.m.	Music/Rec (4:30-5:45pm)
	7:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Cubs/Troop
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Yoga (Prayer Labyrinth)
	9:00 a.m.	Church Library open during Office hours
	10:00 a.m.	Staff meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Yoga (Prayer Labyrinth)
	9:00 a.m.	HENS (9am-1pm)
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts (5:30-7:00pm)
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (6-7:30pm)
	7:30 p.m.	Deacons
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Church Library open during Office hours
	9:30 a.m.	Sisters of the Way Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Community Meals (lower parking lot)
	6:00 p.m.	Treble Handbells Rehearsal (6:00-6:30pm)
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Handbells Rehearsal (6:30-7:15pm)
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (7:30-8:30pm)
	8:00 a.m.	Yoga (Prayer Labyrinth)
Friday	9:00 a.m.	HENS (9am-1pm)
	9:15 a.m.	Don Glenn Visitation (Community room)
Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Don Glenn Funeral Service (sanctuary)
	4:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat (4:00-5:30pm)
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	2:00 p.m.	Rita Leinheiser – “Living a Purposeful Life” (2:00-3:30pm) (Community Rm)
	6:00 p.m.	Sr. Seekers Corn Maze (6:00-7:30pm)



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